Here is YOUR Servas Canada newsletter. If you would like to be an editor or a translator or submit something, please contact me. I have summarized some items in bold, followed by details for the more curious, as I did in the last issue, Feb. 2011.

Suggested names for our newsletter included: Airborne, Gazette and Share. Please tell me if you prefer one of those to Bulletin, which means “news report” in both official languages.

For more details on any international item, go to www.servas.org and click on “Latest SI Newsletter”. Please tell me how this could be a better publication.

Thank you,
—Michael Johnson, editor, Cambridge Ontario

Show your travellers local sites when possible. Michael (left) with good Munich friends Sibylle and Bert, at the West Montrose "kissing" bridge.
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Servas Canada is on facebook! Let’s use it to share stories, tips and photos from our experiences as travelers and hosts, and to promote our region as a place for people to visit. It can be a great way to get to know each other, and for non-Canadians to learn about us.

DID YOU KNOW?
• Servas hosts in 100 countries are just an email away?
• There are Servas meetings all over the world that you can attend?
• Servas members of any age can apply for extended stays to learn a language, get into volunteer projects or learn about a special interest?
• You can make lasting friendships through Servas?
Dear Servas Friends,

Thanks

Good wishes for the new year.

The Servas Canada Board is a group of committed volunteers who help with the operation of Servas Canada.

There are also dozens of Servas volunteers across the country who help make Servas exchanges possible, not only for Canadians but for all the visitors who come to Canada.

Thank you to all these volunteers for their work. Without their help there would be no Servas in Canada.

We would like to thank Michael Silbert, (our outgoing national secretary), for his leadership and commitment to Servas.

We also thank outgoing Board members:
- Claude Lefrancois,
- Treasurer Elizabeth Sebestyen,
- Host Coordinator Michele Doctoroff,
- Youth Representative Sarena Talbot and
- Sharon Bool, for their contributions.

Traveler Numbers Are Down

Although the number of travelers coming to Canada has gone down, we hope to develop new initiatives to encourage more travel between Canadian Servas hosts. We also hope to increase the number of new Canadian travelers who join Servas. We have seen how Servas enriches our lives and want to share it with others. Perhaps you know someone who would enjoy becoming a Servas traveler.

New Board

All Servas Canada members were invited to put their names forward for a board position. The nominating committee then recruited nominees. With four positions opening up, and four nominees willing to accept the position, all the nominees were acclaimed to create a board of nine, which is the board’s maximum. Claude has since retired.

The new board members were oriented to their positions and participated in the last conference call board meeting in 2012.

Getting Involved

There are many ways for you to become involved in Servas. You can contact any of the Board members to offer your suggestions or ideas, you can create or join a local group to promote Servas in your community or you can individually tell others about it. Relating an interesting Servas visit lets others see how enjoyable the experience can be.

You can also become involved in one of the Servas committees either within Canada or internationally. When someone taps you on the shoulder to do a task, just say “yes”!
Julie Dotsch, National Secretary

When I’m not singing in choirs, playing tennis or canoeing, I enjoy watching sunsets on the lake outside my door with friends and family. I was so lucky to join Servas in 1981. Over the years I have traveled, hosted and interviewed Servas members. I am also quite involved with Servas International and currently I chair the SI Conflict Resolution Committee. As Deputy National Secretary I have had a chance to work with great Board members.

Alison Reid, Treasurer

I live in a small co-housing community just outside Whitehorse, Yukon. I have been a Servas host for 8 years, with an average of one guest family per year, mostly from Europe. This is my second year as treasurer. I’m a retired accountant, now enjoying my garden, horse, local trails and lifestyle. I recently visited my daughter who is at university in Montreal, where I also stayed with many lovely Servas hosts.

Chris Brennan

I spend my winters in Charlottetown and summers at the shore in Launching, PEI. I’ve been a Servas host since 1991 and a far too infrequent traveler. Looming retirement may just provide the sort of impetus to deal with that lack of travel. In the meantime, I enjoy having the world in the form of Servas travelers and others, who come through my door.

Judy Bartel

I’ve been a Servas host for nearly 30 years, and hosted many visitors through SERVAS and other hosting programs. Since retiring from administrative work at a Community College in Brandon, Manitoba, I have been active in boards and other volunteer work, gardening in summer, and trying hard to fit in some exercise and travel.

Cross Cultural understanding has been an abiding interest, which I have explored through hosting, travel, and language study, and by producing culture-related programs for campus and community radio.

Myrna (Cubrt) Navabi, Peace Secretary

I am retired from business but continue to work as an ESL educator. I am a graduate of U of A (BA ‘66, Dip. Ed. ‘68) and of McMaster (MBA ‘77). Presently I volunteer as a mentor and tutor to new Canadians and sometimes I teach. Other activities include: choral singing, reading, community involvement, cooking and entertaining.
My husband and I have been both hosts (Ontario & BC) and travellers for 20 years. We’ve especially enjoyed Servas hospitality in Japan, Turkey and Italy. In Canada, we’ve travelled coast-to-coast. I particularly enjoy cultural exchanges with people of different backgrounds. I feel that Servas is a wonderful organization that promotes a very effective way of bringing diverse cultures together and contributing to greater understanding between nations.

**Sandy Yudin, Deputy Nat. Sec., and Host List Distributor**

I learned about Servas while staying with a host in Australia and have been involved since 1975. Starting as a Toronto host I then graduated to Toronto host coordinator. When the first Servas Canada Board was formed in the 1980s, I became a member before “temporarily” assuming the job of foreign host list coordinator (the job I still have today).

While living in Toronto Norm and I had Servas visitors constantly; since moving to Bracebridge, fewer. I keep busy running our Bed & Breakfast and am involved with our local alternative cinema. Norm, our Board recording secretary, spends his time helping to look after Ontario’s fresh water and being a Prof at Toronto’s York University. We both enjoy the woods, walking our dog and small-town life.

**Sara Lippman Walsh**

I live in rural PEI on an organic fruit and vegetable farm, which I manage with Ron, my husband.

**Suzanne Stirling, Youth Contact**

I am a third-generation Servas member, first travelling with my parents when I was twelve. It was a great way to meet kids my age throughout Europe and I was left with a desire to know more of the world.

I now have a degree in Hispanic Studies and have lived abroad in Mexico and Spain as part of my education. I am 27 and just back from a five-month bicycle trip down the Pacific Coast from BC to Mexico. I am now moving to Montreal to study French. This summer I was fortunate enough to participate in the SERVAS International Conference in Poland, where I met Servas youth from all over the world. They were very inspiring and I hope to bring that energy to Servas youth in Canada!
Valuable Volunteers

Would you like to offer your services? We can always use good help. Contact: Canada “at” servas.org. (We avoid using the @ sign, to reduce SPAM.)

These wonderful people, who make Servas Canada run well, deserve our praise...

Our Board members (previously profiled) and ...

1. Host List Production team:
   • Penny Pattison – national host coordinator
   • Jim Leask - Data base guru
   • Bill Feyrer - host list layout
   • Gerry Staring - list production/distribution
   • Ted Haymond - Host Consent

2. Alvaro Barba, Web master

3. Mark Hahn and Michael Silbert, technical team

4. Michael Johnson, News editor

5. Sandy Yudin Host List Distributor in eastern Canada and Herman Bakker, Host List Distributor in western Canada.

6. Translators: Alain Caron, Chantal Jolicoeur, Denise Beauchesne, Ginette Morneau, Jean-Guy Hamel, Marie Lafrance, Mario Leduc, Marion Copleston, and Odile Jalbert.

Our best wishes to Sylvia

Edmonton interviewer and (former) original Canada Board member, Sylvia Krogh underwent recent surgery and is having treatment for cancer. We wish her a fast complete recovery.

Host feedback and meetings:

Couchsurfers and Hospitality Club are Free

By Ilania Abileah, Servas Canada host

In order to visit us, the youngsters have to pay $50 – a lot for young people.

I did have young Servas guests who joined Servas because their parents are involved in it in France. The photo attached includes my WWOOF guest who spent five weeks with me, and a couple from France who slept two days on my couch.

I think it is up to members to promote Servas.

A door opened by Servas

By Micki Stirling, host & traveller, Victoria, BC

Pursuing a dream of becoming bilingual, I spent 3 1/2 weeks in France. I stayed with a new Paris host, Jocelyne. Before leaving, she suggested her friend and fellow Servas host Maryvonne in Brittany.

I spent the only two sunny days of my trip at her seaside house. I found a little chapel just off the road. The morning light streaming through the stained glass windows was a truly magic moment, which I would have missed if it hadn’t been for the doors opened by Servas and my kind hosts in France.

"The fuel light's on, we're all going to die, we're all going to die. No, wait... it's just the intercom light."
Ontario Meeting (Waterloo-London)

Our area has two meetings annually. We met May 14 2011 despite the rain. Host, Telfer, led a tour of the area which included a very impressive converted school house.

Back at Telfer’s, we met a young member, Megan, from the USA and Roberta who is applying to join in our area.

Photo of the group at a rain-free moment, including then Nat Sec, Michael Silbert (far left).

Keeping in Touch

By Dafi Gilad

Being the same age as my twin daughters, I quickly connected with Servas traveller, Jimena, from Uruguay. She spent several months in Canada, including over two months with us. She then went home, got married and had a baby. Shown is Jimena with husband Fernando and baby Maite.

Doctors, Any Suggestions?

A Servas host overseas wants information on immigrating to Canada. If you have any suggestions for Changxian, the editor will forward them to him. He recently wrote:

We would love to spend the rest of our life in Canada. Our impression is really great ... the landscape, the people, the social and political state, the rich resources ... all make us feel very positive.

We also hope to work in Canada. My wife may find a job as a traditional medical doctor (acupuncture and herbal). I may be qualified to do limited clinical work as an ophthalmologist.

We may choose to live in Ontario, which has more medical schools. My daughter wants to study medicine. We like Vancouver but house prices are high.

Best wishes,
Changxian
Host to Host

VISITING OTHER CANADIAN HOSTS

By Julie Dotsch

Remember the wonderful hosts with whom you made friends when you last traveled? Would you love to host another Servas member visiting your area? Canadian Servas hosts do not need a letter of introduction to visit other Canadian hosts - just refer to your host listing.

I have been blessed by visits from wonderful Canadian hosts. We have shared lots of ideas and laughter. Many hosts like me are waiting to welcome you. Servas builds peace through these shared experiences.

Escaping Winter

By Michael Johnson, Editor

The predicted high was -16 C on the January day that I thought, “I want to escape winter.”

I chose to visit a life-long friend in Victoria, BC. I also got to see Servas hosts. Ex-Nat. Sec., Penny, was still in Cambodia but I met her partner, Chris, who told me about the 2012 Servas GA as well as his career of coaching boxers. > > >

Twice I went exploring with a Servas day host. I met 3 other Servas host families. Two hosts in different homes were fiddlers.

I gladly gave up warm beaches for the warm welcome I received in Canada’s mildest city. Thanks to all my hosts for taking me into your homes and your hearts.

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No time to travel far? Check out a local host. Some have become good friends whom we visit regularly. Thanks to Servas.
Hi there! Do you wish Servas had more youth involvement?

Would you like to host a student or study a language abroad, through Servas? Are you interested in Servas being better known in Canada?

If you answered yes to any of the above, we would love to hear from you! As Canada’s youth representative, I would like to work with other Servas members to encourage youth, and people in general, to get more involved with Servas. Send me an email and I will get you started.

Thanks, Suzanne

suzannestirling “at” gmail.com.

My View of the General Assembly in Poland

By Suzanne Stirling, Canada

What an inspiring experience! I started in Warsaw with a Servas family of three generations with loud children, dogs and a pet deer, Stephanie. In time, I understood why a peace organization should hold an assembly in Poland.

I didn’t grow up with any World War II stories. Poland was in the thick of things. 85% of the city of Warsaw was destroyed. Now the immaculate city centre has been beautifully reconstructed.

Throughout history, invading countries have trampled Poland. Polish people understand the consequences of war as well as peace, and healing after atrocities. I was honoured to be hosted by them.

Then I boarded the bus for the General Assembly. At first I felt a little out of place. Everyone was greeting old friends and I was new. Soon, though, I found ways to help out and meet people. I joined the English-Spanish translation team, and helped Malawi representative, Delemza, write a daily bulletin.

Michael Silbert, then Canada’s National Secretary, introduced the hot topic of ‘The future of Servas’ with a short skit set three years in the future. It featured a new Servas member (me), talking of joining Servas and how the organization had managed to stay true to its roots while adapting to new technology. Many people shared the desire to keep Servas current. A few were threatened by the proposed changes and they let me know about it!

High-points of my stay included sharing a dorm room with two smart, interesting girls my age: Vivica, from Hong Kong, and Lele, from Botswana.

Sometimes having so much in common, like age and gender, can highlight other differences while bringing people together. Another highlight was river kayaking. As an experienced paddler, I was paired up with a middle-aged Japanese woman who had never paddled before. Her English was basic but she was brave enough to jump into that little boat with me and soon won me over with her huge smile and by singing down the river, in Japanese!

By the time I left, I was saying goodbye to friends. The assembly opened my eyes to a ‘world of people’ who share a willingness to communicate despite the awkwardness of cultural differences. It was beautiful.

Photo top: Michiyo, of Japan, sings as she paddles.
Many Servas countries post their news online at: http://servas.org/. Here is a sample of what you’ll find there.

**USA:**

Servas USA has meetings every year. For details and to read their extensive newsletters, see: usservas.org.

[Image: Servas USA Meeting Invitation]

**Canada, Mexico, USA Conference: June 28-30 2013**

Please join us at the Tri-National Servas Conference at a beautiful retreat (www.serraretreat.com) in Malibu, California. The theme will be Intercultural Experiences, featuring a keynote speaker. Mexico and Canada will tell about Servas in their countries, and there will be many interactive workshops. In addition to three excellent speakers, we will hear about: Servas International, Servas Youth and international projects. Registration is open to non-members. For this conference, Canadian hosts may request hosting just before or after the conference without an LOI.

For more information, visit: www.usservas.org or call 707-825-1714.

[Image: Tri-National Servas Conference Invitation]

**Belgium & Luxemburg**

Annually we host an autumn light bicycle ride or walk and picnic. Contact: Geoffrey Godin at: Belgium “at” servas.org.

[Image: Belgium & Luxemburg Event Invitation]

**Cameroon**

Servas Cameroon Election: December 2012

Doctor Rolande Hodel visited Servas Cameroon members. She spoke about culture related to tourism; teaching human rights; fundamental freedoms; and the environment. Dr. Hodel organized the elections of the Servas Cameroon assisted by several Servas members and government authorities. Elected were 3 members including Alain Noel Njiokem Nkwatchou as National Secretary.

Editor’s comment: In looking for a good photo of Dr. Hodel I discovered the many wonderful projects she is involved in. Her photo is from: chemistswithoutborders.org.

[Image: Cameroon Election Announcement]

**Editor’s Note:**

- For more information on Servas events and news, visit the Servas website: http://servas.org.
- If you have news of your own, please share it with Servas Canada News. Contact: Servas CANADA NEWS, PO Box 190, Port Alberni, BC V0N 1N0, Canada.”

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Israel: Big Meeting, April 2-7, 2013
Join us for 6 days at Kibbutz Sde Boker, in the Negev desert, southern Israel. Members will be happy to host you before and after the meeting.

Tour our small country:
Contact: israel “at” servas.org.
(Editor’s Note: April is a wonderful month to visit; average highs across most of Israel are 20 to 25 C.)

Spain: Camp for Everyone

Where:
Hostel La Marina, Alicante.
Theme:
Interculture and Peace, with workshops about Spanish Cuisine and Spanish Lessons. You can go: windsurfing, scuba diving, kayaking.
Contact: Susana Martínez, servaspresidencia “at” gmail.com.

Blood Donors Wall of Fame
By 22-year-old Ethel Chavula (in the white polka-dot dress)
When I gave blood, the head nurse was presented with photos and donor testimonials to be displayed, and also some books to be given to everyone who donates in December. [Shown are donors who each got a paper saying, “I’m a life-saver.”] Below: Demelza with family and friends.

Demelza, Nat. Sec. of Malawi, runs a very active group.

Film Night, 14 Dec. 2012
By Paschwa, Demelza’s daughter
16 adults and 4 kids attended.
This was our Christmas get-together. We talked about Servas and the many SYLE applicants. The film [The Last King of Scotland], set in Uganda, was about [dictator] Idi Amin and his Scottish doctor. First we had dinner and then watched. It was quite sad to see this bit of African History. Towards the end Idi Amin became very nasty and the film says he killed over 30,000 people; an interesting film but scary.

South Central West Asia Conference, October 2013.
Open for all Servas members. Date: 10-12, October 2013, Lahore-Pakistan
Please contact us before May 15, 2013. Registration fee for the conference is US$120 per person (includes 3 days accommodation, with 3 meals a day, plus Lahore site-seeing. For more details: servaspakistan “at” yahoo.com.
TRAVEL TALES

Penny Roams
S. E. Asia

Our former Nat. Sec. writes:
Jan. 19, 2013:
My niece and I are currently in SE Asia. We began with Cambodia, and the sunset and then sunrise at Angkor Wat – magical.

Later in Phnom Penh, we had a fascinating dinner with Maurits, the Nat. Sec. and only member of Servas Cambodia.

We have just spent an amazing 2 days in Hanoi, Vietnam, with the National Secretary of Servas Vietnam, Nga, and her wonderful daughters. Their warmth and friendship is a treasure, and it was so special to be welcomed into their home and family!

Earlier, in Hoian, Vietnam we spent a fabulous long weekend with Hisayo, a friend whom I met through Servas 25 years ago in Japan! And today we had a coffee and chat with Nan, the Deputy National Secretary of Servas Thailand in Bangkok.

These personal visits gave us unique opportunities to learn about the countries from the inside perspective! Isn’t Servas special!

—Penny Pattison

A Tale of Two Hosts, Israel, Sept. 2012

by Regine and Tim, Tallahassee, Florida, USA

[This entire story will soon be posted at www.servas.org, then click “SI Newsletters“. Here are a few excerpts...]

We visited two wonderful Israeli families ... which helped us understand Israeli life and the delicate balance between Jews and Arabs.

First hosts were Alon and Inbal. Alon is a ‘sheriff’ on constant vigil. Inbal’s dad was killed during the 1967 war. Israeli’s count time much as we do by war eras: 6-day, Yom Kippur, Gulf war, etc. Our second hosts were Arie and Mira (below). Mira counsels Holocaust victims. The next day we had a wonderful tour of Zippori noting the paved Roman road with the groove marks from chariot wheels.

Getting to know these hosts was truly a high point of our visit to Israel.

I Like New York in June

By Michael Johnson

This old song title sums up the trip that my wife and I took to New York. No other USA city has even half its population. Because New York is so unique, I have some suggestions for Servas travellers.

What to expect...

Hosts are few and they get a lot of travellers, especially in Manhattan, so they may not have a lot of time for you. The pace of NYC can be dazzling. Each host gave us the house key, very handy and considerate.

Sensational Subway...

New York City has 468 subway stations – confusing, yes; convenient, very. Our host in Brooklyn was closer to Wall Street and the Statue of Liberty than our Manhattan hosts.

The 7-day MetroPass includes travel on any bus or subway for a week. We used it to go to La Guardia Airport and the cable car ride to Roosevelt Island, praised in the New York Times as “the most exciting view in New York City!” For more ideas, check: newyork.timeout.com or see my full article at: usservas.org, click “news” then “fall 2011.”
How YOU can get Involved in SERVAS

- offer to join a committee, e.g. the promotional committee.
- arrange a get-together in your area with hosts and travelers.
- share a Servas experience for the newsletter.
- put your name forward to serve on the Board.
- tell your friends about Servas.
- and say “yes” when asked to volunteer.

Can YOU help?

CAN YOU DONATE TO SERVAS CANADA? We are a frugal group. Volunteers do the work, and we keep the travel fees low. But costs keep rising, so if we would greatly appreciate your donation.

Some funds support other less wealthy Servas nations and organizations that contribute to world peace — for example, see Malawi, page 11.

One host suggested a donation equal to one hour of your family income. Please send what you can to treasurer: Alison Reid, Box 20889, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 6P1. (Note: we are not a charitable organization, thus no tax receipts.) Names of those donating more than $20 will be published in the next newsletter.

Please make your cheque payable to “Servas Canada” and indicate “donation” on the bottom of the cheque.

Thank you very much for your generosity.
Alison, Chris, Judy, Julie, Myrna, Sandy, Sara, Suzanne
Your Servas Canada Board

Remember medical insurance when you travel.

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3 Years of Serving Servas

By Michael Silbert

It has been an interesting, challenging and rewarding privilege to serve as your national secretary since 2009. When I started only printed host lists were available. There was concern we would lose members by putting the list online, but we found over 99% of hosts have email and the move garnered widespread support, with many downloading a personalized list.

In December, your board of directors decided to make our host list available to all countries but only with high security in place. This follows the vast majority of other Servas nations, while saving money and trees.

Canadian Mark Hahn and I became solely responsible for the entire ICT (Information and Communication Technology) operations of Servas International. I will continue this task. With little time for Servas Canada, Julie Dotsch, did much of my work while also acting as Assistant National Secretary. Alison Reid joined the board as treasurer, (replacing Elizabeth Sebestyen who served for many years). She brings her professional expertise and is the first board member from the Yukon. We also have two new Board members from PEI.

This past August, I and five other Canadians actively participated in the GA (general assembly) in Poland. Meeting, working and celebrating with Servas members from over 50 different countries was better than I had imagined. If you ever have a chance to attend a GA, do so. I was so proud of each Canadian member who got involved in meaningful ways.

Servas Canada is in good hands with Julie at the helm supported by a strong, energetic board.

I hope one day our paths will cross as we continue our Servas travels.

Remembered

Host from Comox, BC died peacefully on 23 Feb 2011.

Hope Spencer 1919 - 2011

Hope, born on July 4, 1919, had a long life full of travel, adventure and fun. She loved good food, good wine, good beer, good music and a good cause.

Hope inherited a pioneering creativity from her parents. She was always ahead of her time. Although Hope felt she was not always appreciated for pioneering projects, she was greatly admired and respected by a very large community of colleagues, friends and acquaintances.

Ottawa Hosts Perish on Vacation

Nigel and Angela Kilby

By Miriam Kilby

While vacationing in Portugal, my parents, Nigel and Angela Kilby, [of Kanata, a suburb of Ottawa] were involved in a car accident. A delivery truck was driving on the wrong side of the road. My forever loving Mom, Angela Kilby died April 3rd 2002. My Mom had such a positive impact on so many lives and hearing stories about her from friends comforts us greatly. She was so action oriented – no hesitation to love.

More from news reports:

Three months after his wife died, Nigel Kilby, an avid dancer and member of the St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Kanata, died in an Ottawa hospital, (July 2012), having been airlifted from Portugal. The couple founded the Ottawa English Country Dance club, which meets weekly.
Financial Report

By Treasurer Alison Reid

If you have any questions, please contact Canada “at” servas.org. Thank you.

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